

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Utah Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Utah Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2069

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/05/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss BLM Utah statewide priorities, visit and discuss issues in the Indian Creek area, and review recreation business plans and fee proposals	12/11/2017	12/12/2017
To discuss the 2018 fire season outlook, current statewide planning efforts and review recreation business plans and fee proposals.	05/21/2018	05/22/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$36,029.00	\$36,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$4,944.00	\$20,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$991.00	\$4,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$950.00	\$3,000.00
18d. Total	\$42,914.00	\$63,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The 15 members of the Utah RAC collaborate and coordinate to provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on resource and land management issues for 22.9 million acres of Federal public lands in Utah.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Utah RAC is comprised of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following interest groups: Category I - Federal grazing permits or leases, transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development; Category II - nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups; Category III - state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Utah RAC held two meetings in FY 18. The council meetings are very relevant to the BLM as the RAC members discuss current land management issues facing BLM Utah and make recommendations for action to the State Director.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC members were carefully selected based on expertise, experience, and overall familiarity with public land management issues. The RAC is needed to provide advice to the BLM's Utah State Director on resource and land management issues. In addition, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) requires the Department of Agriculture and Interior to establish a Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) to provide advice and recommendations on recreation fees and fee areas in each State or region for Federal recreational lands and waters managed by the BLM or U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The law allows the agencies to use existing RACs or establish new RRACs. For the State of Utah, the existing statewide BLM RAC has been designated to perform RRAC responsibilities pertaining to both BLM and USFS managed Federal lands and waters per the national interagency agreement between the USFS and BLM. The

RRAC role is part of a larger public participation role described in FLREA. The Utah statewide RAC is also referred to as the RRAC.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM Utah home page, the RAC web page, social media platforms, and distributed statewide to media outlets.

21. Remarks

RAC recommendations are contained in the meeting minutes at the following link:
<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/utah/RAC>

Designated Federal Officer

Edwin L. Roberson BLM Utah State Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baker, Chad	06/06/2018	06/06/2021	Attorney at Law, Parsons Behle & Latimer	Representative Member
Bohn, Ralph	06/06/2018	06/06/2021	Geologist, Utah Department of Environmental Quality	Representative Member
Draney, Richard	06/06/2018	06/06/2021	Wheelchair athlete and outdoor enthusiast	Representative Member
Forrest, Troy	01/12/2016	01/12/2019	Program Manager, Dept of Ag.	Representative Member
Hayes, Joan	06/06/2018	06/06/2021	Secretary, Desert Roads and Trails Society	Representative Member
Robinson, Christopher	01/12/2016	01/12/2019	CEO, Ensign Group	Representative Member
Slater, Steven	01/12/2016	01/12/2019	Conservation Scientist, HawkWatch Intl	Representative Member
Small, Michael	06/06/2018	06/06/2021	President, Dixie/Arizona Strip Interpretive Association	Representative Member
Tanner, Jay	01/12/2016	01/12/2019	Grazing Permittee	Representative Member
Thompson, Tyler	06/06/2018	06/06/2021	Watershed Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

The BLM's Utah RAC is an effective partner in helping resolve public land issues that affect the quality of life in the West. The Utah RAC has been an excellent way to keep citizens engaged in the resource issues facing the public lands.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Utah RAC serves as an independent group that represents all resources and strives to balance its recommendations. RAC members build trust because they are an authorized entity but not an integrated part of the Federal government. Their expertise results in quality recommendations for implementation by the BLM.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Utah RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

95

Number of Recommendations Comments

During FY 18, the RAC/RRAC made recommendations on fee proposals from six units - one national forest and five BLM field offices.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

84%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The BLM provides feedback during presentations to the RAC by BLM managers. The BLM also provides feedback via email messages, mail, and telephone calls. The RAC chair also meets with the BLM-Utah State Director regularly.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The BLM provides hard copies of documentation upon request.